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Dr. Lesli C. Myers-Small
Rochester City School District
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August 19, 2021

Dear Dr. Myers-Small:

This notice is to inform you that on July 15th, 2021 the New York State Board of Regents received three applications to establish a charter school within the City of Rochester. These applications are under review for possible action at the November 15-16, 2021 Board of Regents meeting. Full application materials may be viewed on our website at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/startcharter/StartCharter2021.html>.

Please note that pursuant to Education Law section 2857(1) and 8 NYCRR 119.4 (available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/publichearing.html>), the school district of location is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the community relating to the foregoing applications. This hearing, which is required to be held within the community that is potentially impacted by the charter school, must be held **within 30 days of your receipt of this letter**.

Please provide the following required documentation:

1. A copy of the public hearing notice at the time of dissemination.
2. Written confirmation that the hearing was held no later than the next business day following the hearing.
3. Copies of all written records or comments generated from this hearing should be sent within 15 business days after the hearing. However, the Department would appreciate receiving the **written records or comments no later than September 30, 2021**.

All documentation listed above should be submitted electronically to CharterSchools@nysed.gov (the subject line of the email should include the NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL *Public Hearing*).

In addition, Rochester City School District has the right to comment directly to the Board of Regents on the programmatic and fiscal impact of the proposed charter school on traditional public and non-public schools in your district. Comments should be submitted no later than **September 30, 2021** to CharterSchools@nysed.gov (the subject line of the email should read: *Rochester City School District response to NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL application*).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 474-1762 or Vickie.Smith@nysed.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Vickie Smith
New Schools Coordinator

c: David Frank

Proposed School Name; Grade Levels; Max Enrollment Over 5 Year Term	Community School District of Location	Proposed Board Chair Name	Public Contact Name and Contract	Mission Statement	Key Design Elements
Innova Girls Academy Charter School Grades K-6; 312 students	Rochester City School District	Jonathan Nwagbaraocha	Lindsay Swanson lswanson@bes.org	In an inclusive school community focused on STEAM, Innova Girls Academy Charter School empowers girls in grades K-6 to excel as innovative leaders and confident problem-solvers.	STEAM, All-girls school, leadership development, and partnership with the Girl Scouts of Western New York
Rochester Excellence Academy Charter School Grades K-4; 375 students	Rochester City School District	Laura Smith	Brittany Rumph brumph@bes.org	Through rigorous academics, a values-based community, and individualized supports Rochester Excellence Academy Charter School equips all kindergarten through fourth grade scholars with the skill, habits, and mindsets necessary for school, career, and life success.	Character development, focus on the Arts to support academic and social success, and partnership with the YMCA of Greater Rochester
Rochester Sports Academy Charter School Grades 9-12; 400 students	Proposed any one of three: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rochester City SD; • Gates-Chili Central SD; OR • Greece Central SD 	Mary Andrecolich-Montesano Diaz	Gabriel Marshall gmarshall24@gmail.com	Rochester Sports Academy Charter School's mission is to develop the next generation of off-field professionals in the sports industry. Our innovative, 21 st Century Curriculum Framework will prepare RSA scholars for the rigors of instructional programming by providing students that represent the diversity of the Greater Rochester community with access to high academic standards. Students that graduate from RSA will be global thinkers, committed to life-long civic engagement as a result of our focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion practices that promote creative opportunities in the next level of sports and life.	Freshman summer experience, Sports Career Pathways, and focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion